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(c) When an order is issued as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Department or exclusive representative shall report to the appropriate Regional Director within a specified period failure to comply with an order that the Department shall upon request (or as otherwise agreed to by the parties) bargain concerning the disputed matter. If the Board finds such a failure to comply with its order, the Board shall take whatever action it deems necessary, including enforcement under 22 U.S.C. 4109(b).

### PART 1425—REVIEW OF IMPLEMEN-TATION DISPUTE ACTIONS

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## § 1425.1 Who may file an exception; time limits for filing; opposition; service.

- (a) Either party to an appeal to the Foreign Service Grievance Board under the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 4114 may file an exception to the action of the Foreign Service Grievance Board taken pursuant to the appeal.
- (b) The time limit for filing an exception to a Foreign Service Grievance Board action is thirty (30) days after such action is communicated to the parties.
- (c) An opposition to the exception may be filed by a party within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the exception.
- (d) A copy of the exception and any opposition shall be served on the other party.

### § 1425.2 Content of exception.

An exception must be a dated, self-contained document which sets forth in full:

- (a) A statement of the grounds on which review is requested;
- (b) Evidence or rulings bearing on the issues before the Board;

(c) Arguments in support of the stated grounds, together with specific reference to the pertinent documents and citations of authorities; and

(d) A legible copy of the decision or other document representing the action taken by the Foreign Service Grievance Board, together with legible copies of other pertinent documents pertaining to the action.

#### § 1425.3 Grounds for review.

The Board will review an action of the Foreign Service Grievance Board to which an exception has been filed to determine if it is deficient—

(a) Because it is contrary to any law, rule, or regulation; or

(b) On other grounds similar to those applied by Federal courts in private sector labor-managment relations.

#### §1425.4 Board decision.

The Board shall issue its decision taking such action and making such recommendations concerning the Foreign Service Grievance Board action as it considers necessary, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

## PART 1427—GENERAL STATEMENTS OF POLICY OR GUIDANCE

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### § 1427.1 Scope.

This part sets forth procedures under which requests may be submitted to the Board seeking the issuance of general statements of policy or guidance under 22 U.S.C. 4107(c)(2)(F).

## $\$\,1427.2$ Requests for general statements of policy or guidance.

(a) The head of the Department (or designee), the national president of a labor organization (or designee), or the president of a labor organization not affiliated with a national organization

(or designee) may separately or jointly ask the Board for a general statement of policy or guidance. The head of any lawful association not qualified as a labor organization may also ask the Board for such a statement provided the request is not in conflict with the provisions of the Foreign Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.

(b) The Board ordinarily will not consider a request related to any matter pending before the Board, General Counsel, Panel or Assistant Secretary.

### §1427.3 Content of request.

- (a) A request for a general statement of policy or guidance shall be in writing and must contain:
- (1) A concise statement of the question with respect to which a general statement of policy or guidance is requested together with background information necessary to an understanding of the question;
- (2) A statement of the standards under §1427.5 upon which the request is based:
- (3) A full and detailed statement of the position or positions of the requesting party or parties
- (4) Identification of any cases or other proceedings known to bear on the question which are pending under the Foreign Service Labor-Management Statute.
- (5) Identification of other known interested parties.
- (b) A copy of each document also shall be served on all known interested parties, including the General Counsel, the Panel, and the Assistant Secretary, where appropriate.

### § 1427.4 Submissions from interested parties.

Prior to issuance of a general statement of policy or guidance the Board, as it deems appropriate, will afford an opportunity to interested parties to express their views orally or in writing.

# § 1427.5 Standards governing issuance of general statements of policy or guidance.

In deciding whether to issue a general statement of policy or guidance, the Board shall consider:

- (a) Whether the question presented can more appropriately be resolved by other means;
- (b) Where other means are available, whether a Board statement would prevent the proliferation of cases involving the same or similar question;
- (c) Whether the resolution of the question presented would have general applicability under the Foreign Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.
- (d) Whether the question currently confronts parties in the context of a labor-management relationship;
- (e) Whether the question is presented jointly by the parties involved; and
- (f) Whether the issuance by the Board of a general statement of policy or guidance on the question would promote constructive and cooperative labor-management relationships in the Foreign Service and would otherwise promote the purposes of the Foreign Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.

### PART 1428—ENFORCEMENT OF AS-SISTANT SECRETARY STANDARDS OF CONDUCT DECISIONS AND ORDERS

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1428.1 Scope.

1428.2 Petitions for enforcement.

1428.3 Board decision.

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SOURCE:  $46\ FR\ 45875$ , Sept. 15, 1981, unless otherwise noted.

### § 1428.1 Scope.

This part sets forth procedures under which the Board, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 4107(a)(5) enforce decisions and orders of the Assistant Secretary in standards of conduct matters arising under 5 U.S.C. 7120.

### § 1428.2 Petitions for enforcement.

(a) The Assistant Secretary may petition the Board to enforce any Assistant Secretary decision and order in a standards of conduct case arising under 22 U.S.C. 4117. The Assistant Secretary shall transfer to the Board the record in the case, including a copy of the transcript if any, exhibits, briefs, and other documents filed with the Assistant Secretary. A copy of the petition